

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Grube et al. (U.S. Patent 5,778,304). The Examiner has rejected Claims 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grube et al. in view of Hunter (U.S. Publication 2002/0106202). The Examiner has rejected Claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grube et al. in view of Stern et al. (U.S. Publication 2003/0008662).

Please amend Claim 2 as set forth herein to correct a typographical error.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of Claim 1 under §112, second paragraph, the Examiner states that "the apparatus" of lines 18-19 lacks antecedent basis. Claim 1 has been amended to change "the apparatus" to read "the multifunction mobile communication terminal". Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 under §112 is respectfully submitted.

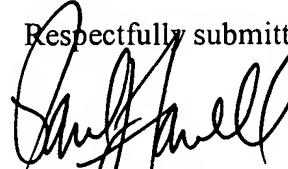
Regarding the rejections of independent Claims 1 and 7 under §102(b), the Examiner states that Grube et al. anticipates all of the elements of the claims. Grube et al. discloses a method for providing communication services based on geographic location. Each of Claims 1 and 7 recite a location registration request message and a location registration response message is used to set the function restriction, which is neither taught nor disclosed by Grube et al. Grube et al. uses location coordinates of a communication unit as a basis for determining its geographic location. Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of independent Claims 1 and 7 under §102(b) is respectfully submitted.

Regarding the rejections of independent Claims 8 and 9 under §103(a), the Examiner states that Grube et al. in view of Stern et al. renders unpatentable all of the elements of the claims. Stern et al. discloses systems and methods wherein a mobile user device operates in

accordance with a location policy and user device information. Each of Claims 8 and 9 recite a location registration request message and a location registration response message is used to set the function restriction, which is neither taught nor disclosed by Grube et al. Grube et al. uses location coordinates of a communication unit as a basis for determining its geographic location. Stern et al. does not cure this defect. Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of independent Claims 8 and 9 under §103(a) is respectfully submitted.

Independent Claims 1, 7, 8 and 9 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-6, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-6 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-9, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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